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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Meeting with [REDACTED] Director of SPINT

1. On two previous occasions I have mentioned the work of the BPS to [REDACTED] and he had, in turn, advised that he had some input for us. Being aware that he is a senior Agency officer in liaison with NSA and that his office is involved in planning joint communications efforts, both among internal Agency offices and with NSA in the special intelligence field, I considered that his suggestions would be most enlightening.

2. [REDACTED] is aware of the background efforts to develop more secure phone lines and is also cognizant of NSA desires to drop the gray line arrangement. He believes, however, that ultimately Agency officers will have a secure phone for internal conversations and that this phone system will pass conversations through enciphering before transmission outside. He considers that the black lines in our present phone system would be used basically for unclassified outside calls. (His thoughts in this regard paralleled the conclusions of the Headquarters Security Committee.)

3. [REDACTED] brought up the need for vision in arriving at the most effective filing techniques for our reservoirs of intelligence information. He, for example, is currently giving some serious thought to the application of the Recordak system.

4. The BPS' concern with more effective security methods for our communications systems was appreciated. [REDACTED] believes that such steps are absolutely essential in the construction of new facilities. He discussed rather fully the capabilities of the coaxial cable and various secure and dedicated lines, stating that greater flexibility for providing dedicated circuits must be considered. He believes the LDX system to be advanced and practical for our consideration.

5. [REDACTED] stated that techniques have now been developed so that it is now possible to encipher microwave transmissions. He agreed that if we were communicating between buildings on the Headquarters site, secure coaxial cable would be the most economic method; but to transmit between locations miles apart, such as from Headquarters to Rosslyn, it would be more economical to use the microwave method. Care would have to be used with this latter system because of the possibility of line-of-site remote pickups. Enciphering would, however, enhance the security if such a system were to be used.

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6. I asked if he had any thoughts regarding the stability of the present Agency organization and functions. He indicated that without any doubt there would be changes in the future and agreed that efforts now being made by the BPS might well trigger a rearrangement among the Agency's directorates.

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